

The inclusion of the suburban boroughs lowers the rate at Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch, but raises it at Dunedin.

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.	
Auckland City	0.95	0.92
and seven suburban boroughs .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Wellington City	0.95	0.91
and four suburban boroughs .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Christchurch City	1.00	0.98
and five suburban boroughs .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Dunedin City	0.85	0.90
and five suburban boroughs .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .

Including the suburbs, the rate at Christchurch is the highest and at Dunedin the lowest.

Compared with May, 1914, the results are—

	1914.	1915.
Auckland and suburbs	0.69	0.92
Wellington and suburbs	0.63	0.91
Christchurch and suburbs	0.78	0.93
Dunedin and suburbs	0.89	0.90

The total births in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs amounted to 636, against 615 in April—an increase of 21. The deaths in May were 290—an increase of 33 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 155, females 135. Forty-three of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 14.83 per cent. of the whole number; 30 of these were under one year of age.

There were 104 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs, as against 98 in April. The following table shows the classification:—

Age.	Auckland.		Wellington.		Christchurch.		Dunedin.		Total.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
65	5	1	..	1	..	2	..	1	5	5
66	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	3
67	1	..	1	..	1	2	1	..	4	2
68	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	2	1
69	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	..
70	3	2	1	..	..	..	2	..	6	2
71	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	4
72	1	2	..	1	2	..	..	1	3	4
73	1	..	2	2	..	3	..	1	3	6
74	..	1	1	1	..	1	1	1	2	4
75	2	1	..	1	..	4	2	..	4	6
76	2	..	1	..	3	..	2	..	8	..
77	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1
78	..	1	1	1	1	..	1	2	3	4
79	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	4
80	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..
81	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	2	1
82	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
83	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	2
84	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	3
85	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	3
88	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
89	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Totals ..	21	18	13	11	9	16	14	12	57	57

TABLE showing the Causes of the Deaths of Persons at the Four Centres registered during May, 1915.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		TOTAL.
	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	
I.—GENERAL DISEASES.									
<i>(a.) Epidemic Diseases.</i>									
1. Typhoid Fever	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
9. Diphtheria	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	5
10. Influenza	2	..	..	..	1	3
18. Erysipelas	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
<i>(b.) Other General Diseases.</i>									
20. Septicæmia	1	1
23. Phthisis	3	..	2	1	..	..	1	7
30. Tubercular Meningitis	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2